Half fee concessions to members of the Varnava community.

203. *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the different sections of the Varnava community enjoying half fee concession in English Schools only ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : The following sections of the Varnava community are eligible for half fee concession in English schools subject to 15 per cent restriction :—

1. Paravan.
2. Vannan (including Chayakkaran and Makkavazhi Dhobi).
3. Mannan.
4. Pathiyan.

Traffic in Pattini Thodu.

204. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : Will the Government be pleased to state whether regular traffic in Pattini Thodu in Parur taluk has been obstructed by the falling of several trees from either side into the canal during the recent cyclone, and if so, what action they have taken in the matter.

MR. I. C. CHACKO : No.

MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : മരങ്ങളൊന്നും വീണുകിടപ്പില്ല എന്നാണോ ഉത്തരംകൊണ്ടു കാണുന്നതു്. എന്നാൽ ഇരുകരകളിൽനിന്നും മരങ്ങൾ വീണുകിടക്കുന്നതുനിമിത്തം വള്ളങ്ങൾ ക്രുടെക്രുടെ ഉറച്ചുപോകുന്നതായി അനുഭവമുണ്ടു്. തന്മൂലം വള്ളംമുഖേന യാത്രചെയ്യാൻ നിവ്രുത്തിയില്ലാതെ വന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ ചോദ്യം ചൊദിക്കാൻ ഇടവന്നതാണെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെംബർ ധരിക്കുമോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : മരങ്ങൾ വീണിട്ടില്ല എന്ന ഉത്തരത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല. ഗതാഗതത്തിനു തടസ്സമില്ല എന്നേ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളൂ.

MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : അങ്ങനെ തടസ്സം വന്നാൽ മരങ്ങൾ വെട്ടിമാറ്റാൻ വേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാടുചെയ്യുമോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുമുഖേന മരങ്ങൾ അപ്പോഴപ്പോൾ വെട്ടിമാറ്റുന്നതിനു വേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാടു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

Opening of new schools.

205. *MR. K. G. GOVINDAN : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) the number of applications, if any, which have reached either the Director of Public Instruction or the Government, for opening new schools ;

(*b*) the nature of such schools—whether English or Malayalam or technical ;

(*c*) the applicants' communities ;

(*d*) whether permission has been granted for any school ;

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(*e*) whether orders have been passed giving preference to applications to open new schools from communities having comparatively fewer schools ; and

(*f*) if so, the nature of the orders ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (*a*) to (*f*) As the period for which the information is necessary is not specified, it is not possible to furnish the information asked for.

Public Service Recruitment Rules.

206. ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any amendments have been made in the Public Service Recruitment Rules during the last two months ;

(*b*) if so, what those amendments are ; and

(*c*) the maximum pay of the posts to which the Public Service Commissioner can recommend persons at present ?

MR. S. N. URE : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A * list is placed on the table.

(*c*) The question is vague.

Bridge along Vaikom-Ernakulam Road.

207. ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether and if so how long it is since the bridge at the 2nd furlong of the road branching eastward to Kandanad from the 4th furlong, 12th mile of the Vaikom-Ernakulam road, has been damaged ;

(*b*) whether they have provided a ferry service there now ; and

(*c*) why the bridge remains unrepaired ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes. A little more than a year.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The repair works have been arranged for.

Other Hindus and Public Service.

208. ***MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of vacancies that have occurred between Chingem 1116 and 24th Kumbhom 1117, in the lower division of the Public Service available to 'Other Hindus' ;

(*b*) the number of persons appointed in such vacancies and the names of communities in the category of 'Other Hindus' to which those so appointed belong ; and

(*c*) the number of 'Other Hindus' appointed in the Intermediate and Higher Divisions of the Public Service during the above period, the appointments given to them and their pay ?

MR. S. N. URE : (*a*) 81.

(*b*) 77. The information as to the particular sub-divisions to which these candidates belong, cannot be easily collected.

(*c*) In the year 1116—Nil.

In the year 1117 up to 24th Kumbhom 111./7th March 1942—1Sub-Assistant Surgeon, 50-75.

* *Vide* Appendix XI—page 350.

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